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Office Action Summary

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Period for Reply

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 05 August 2003.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-45 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 1-45 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 05&08 August 2003 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 3) <input type="checkbox"/> Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
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RESTRICTION

1. Restriction to one of the following inventions is required under 35 U.S.C 121:

I. Claims 1-7, 13-18, 24-29, and 35-40, drawn to navigation system, for transferring to a terminal a route guidance data as a result of route searching as performed by the server, classified in class 701, subclass 200.

II. Claims 8-12, and 19-23, drawn to telecommunication system, specifically monitors the location of a portable device in term of their position and at which a predetermined time is determined, classified in class 455, subclass 456.1.

III. Claim 30-34, and 41-45, drawn to a dynamic control of execution, processing, or sequencing of instruction data within a processor, classified in class 712, subclass 220.

2. The inventions are distinct, each from the other because:

The inventions I, II, and III are unrelated. Inventions are unrelated if it can be shown that they are not disclosed as capable of use together and they have different modes of operation, different functions, or different effects (MPEP § 806.04, MPEP § 808.01). In the instant case, there are different inventions because: the invention I request a guidance route information from a terminal device, and the route guidance is transferred to said terminal device as a result of route search performed by a remote server. The invention II specifically monitors the location of a mobile device in term of its position at a predetermined

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time interval. The invention III regards to computer instructions executed by a processor for measuring position at a predetermined time interval.

3. Because these inventions are distinct for the reasons given above and have acquired a separate status in the art as shown by their different classification, restriction for examination purposes as indicated is proper.

4. A telephone call was made to Robert Cohen on 10/26/2004 to request an oral election to the above restriction requirement, but did not result in an election being made.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to patent examiner Tuan To, whose telephone number is (703) 308-6273. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 9:00AM-5:30PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Thomas Black can be reached on (703) 305-8233.

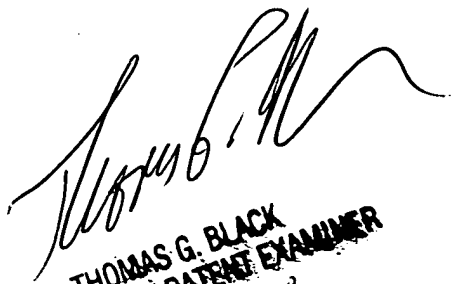
The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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